WHEREAS, Gospel Music plays a vitally important role in proclaiming the good news of the Christian faith; and,

WHEREAS, The virtues of integrity, self discipline, faith in God, and respect for fellowmen are all promoted in the message of Gospel Music; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize Gospel Music for its many contributions to the betterment of society:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and do urge all citizens to join in the observation of this month and in enjoyment of this fine music.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, The Capital City, this 23rd day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

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RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE